

LIZZIE B. BURROWS.

JANUARY 27, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SULLOWAY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9398.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9398) granting a pension to Lizzie B. Burrows, beg leave to submit the following report:

Lizzie B. Burrows is the widow of Alvah G. Burrows, alias Charles Anderson, who served in Company E, First Pennsylvania Volunteer Light Artillery, from January 5, 1864, to July 20, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He filed and established a claim for pension under the general law for disease of rectum, catarrh, and rheumatism and resulting disease of heart, and at the time of his death was drawing a pension of \$14 per month therefor. At his last medical examination he was rated twenty-four eightenths.

On April 9, 1893, while insane, soldier committed suicide, and it is claimed, and medical evidence of two physicians has been filed to show, that the insanity was due to the diseases contracted in the service. The Pension Office declines to accept the evidence as sufficient, and has rejected her claim.

Your committee believe that this widow should be given the benefit of the doubt, and recommend the passage of the bill with an amendment striking out the words "so long as she remains a widow," in line 5, and substituting therefor the words "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws."